



April New Hope



2013 WATCHWORD

**“I will give them one heart, and put
a new spirit within them.”
Ezekiel 11:19**

***New
Moravian***

Living for Christ

This month, I decided to share one of my all time favorite stories with you concerning... Count Zinzendorf: Living for Christ – First Fruit by Janet and Geoff Bengé.

Nicolaus Ludwig Zinzendorf climbed the stone steps of the art gallery in Dusseldorf. The doorman bowed low, and Zinzendorf nodded in recognition of the gesture. It was May 20, 1719, and this was the fifth art gallery he had visited since setting out on his excursion a week before. Zinzendorf strolled around, taking in the masterpieces on display. With him were his new tutor, Herr Riederer, and his older half-brother, Fredrick, who had joined him for the early portion of the grand tour of Europe. The excursion to the art gallery was much like the others Zinzendorf had made on the trip, until he came to one particular painting. For some reason he felt attracted to it. He stopped and studied it closely. The painting, by Domenico Feti, was titled ***Ecce Homo (Behold the Man)***. It showed Jesus with a crown of thorns on His head. At the bottom of the picture, the artist painted the words: ***This I have done for you. What have you done for Me?***

This question astonished Zinzendorf. It seemed to hang in the air as he pondered what, indeed, he had done for Christ. The usual answers came to mind. He had loved Him, read the Bible, prayed and sang hymns, but somehow these things seemed insignificant compared to all Christ had done by dying on the cross. Zinzendorf repeated the question to himself: ***What have you done for me?*** His mind went back to the dining room at the Paedagogium in Halle. He thought about the time he sat at the table listening to all that Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, the missionary from India, had to say. Now, there was a man who was doing something for Christ!

"I will do more," Zinzendorf vowed quietly as he stood in front of the painting. "My life will not be spent in idle touring and visiting." "Don't you want to see the rest of the gallery?" Fredrick asked, his voice breaking into Zinzendorf's thoughts. "You've been standing here in a trance for fifteen minutes." "Oh, yes, I suppose I must go on," Zinzendorf replied, taking one last look at the painting. Zinzendorf went on to view the work of famous Dutch and German artists, but he could not get out of his mind the idea that it was time to do something for Christ. Shortly thereafter, he caught a vision of his life's work. What could he do for Christ? It was so obvious to him now: he could use his life and his money to try to bring all Christians together into one family - one fellowship that would accept and tolerate one another's differences. And so, that was what he did from that moment on. (http://christians.com/inspirational/ecce_homo)

What have you done for Christ? What will you do for Christ and others today? You decide!!!

Pastor Betty



Moravian Music Sunday and Yadkinview RCC Festival of Music

Moravian Music Sunday is celebrated on the 5th Sunday of Easter, which this year will be the last Sunday in April (the 28th), and the Yadkinview RCC Festival of Music will be on the following weekend, the first weekend in May. New Hope will be tying these two worship celebrations together this year.

The theme for Moravian Music Sunday is music of living North American Moravian composers and we will sing several hymns in the hymnal whose texts were written by living Moravians. The anthems/special music done by the Chancel Choir, Children's Choir and New Hope Ringers on April 28th will be some of the pieces that will be used for the RCC Festival of Music at New Philadelphia Moravian on the afternoon of May 5th. The children will sing a song of thanks with a calypso feel and the New Hope Ringers will ring a piece that can use about 60 bells (but we only have 25 bells here at New Hope). We'll be ringing at the festival with ringers from 4 other churches.

For the festival we hope to have a combined choir of 60 to 75 singers and we'll be singing a couple of pieces that require many voices. On April 28th we plan to sing the other pieces we've been practicing which include our own *Come, Christian, Join to Sing* and a high-energy gospel piece *Praise His Holy Name!* as well as a Moravian anthem originally composed by Johannes Herbst, a prolific composer and copyist of choral music from the 18th and 19th centuries. There will also be congregational singing and music from New Philadelphia's group, the Beracah Band.

After your preview on April 28th just imagine how wonderful the music will be with the sounds of so many singers, ringers and brass band players on May 5th and make your plans to be there for the RCC Festival of Music. On another note, on the day of the Festival, New Philadelphia will take care of the ushering for the service but would like to have several greeters from the other participating churches. If you would like to be a greeter, please mention this to Phyllis Little.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 28th - Moravian Music Sunday

May 4th - 10:30 AM Combined bell choir rehearsal at New Philadelphia Moravian

May 4th - 2:00 PM Combined choir rehearsal at New Philadelphia Moravian

May 5th - 3:00 PM Yadkinview RCC Festival of Music at New Philadelphia Moravian

HANDBELL REHEARSAL DATES FOR APRIL:

Sunday, April 7th - 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 14th - 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 21st - No Rehearsal

Thursday, April 25th - 7:15 PM

Sunday, April 28th - 5:00 PM

Phyllis Little, Director of Music

Highlights from the Board

The board met on March 11, 2013. Our main topic consisted of committee reports and our concerns that participation is declining. We really need more help with the Service & Witness and Christian Education committees. While we always have plenty of folks to participate in events, it is good to have more at meetings to help with the planning and offer ideas and opinions.

A yard sale is scheduled for April 27. Men's Fellowship will be handling the food. We hope to raise money for the youth program. Serving at The Corner Table is coming up in April. It was decided to celebrate Senior Recognition Sunday on September 15 with a reception. The steeple is being cleaned and coated, and we hope it can be completed by Easter. The window project is being planned.

Financial Report: On the positive side, we have money in the checking account to pay bills. However, since giving is down, eventually the church will face problems. We have built up some reserve that will help for a while, but we will soon really have to address this problem as a congregation.

Lauren Westmoreland and Pastor Betty Helms have been working to plan and get started with the MOPS Program. This group, Mothers of Pre-Schoolers, will meet bi-monthly on Friday mornings. Two of the CMO teachers will work with the children of these mothers. These mothers will be having Bible study and participating in other activities together.

The board is planning a Lay Ministry weekend for March 14, 15, and 16 in 2014. Please mark your calendar and look for updates on what this exciting event promises for our church.

If you have questions or concerns for the board, please contact any member.

Have a great April!

Pam Prevatte, Board Secretary



Yard Sale



The Yard Sale to benefit the youth program will be held on Saturday, April 27 beginning at 7:00 AM. The Men's Fellowship will be working with food items. Please continue to collect your unwanted treasure. It can be delivered to the church from April 21 until the 26th. Please price your items. If the price of something you have is non-negotiable, please mark it as such. We will keep these items in a separate location. All other items are subject to price changes. At the end of the day, all that is left will be donated to a local charity.

If you have questions, please contact Pam Prevatte.



April Birthdays



2-Betty Helms 8-
Linda Long 9-
Amanda Sain 14-
Wayne Garrett 23-
Caron Simpson 23-
Trevor Bumgarner
24-Bill Biles
24-Amy Johnson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

The committee met on Thursday, March 7. We discussed and made plans for upcoming events. While there are so many of you who help with whatever is happening in the church, attendance at our meetings has declined. This committee always meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. The benefit to having many work with the committee is to get better ideas and guidance for working with all that we do.

There will **NOT** be a meeting in April, but we will be asking for help with the yard sale.

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NHMC Senior Friends met March 22nd and voted to name the group *New Hopers*. Eighteen people attended the gathering sharing good food, fellowship and lively rounds of Bingo. The next meeting of the group will be Friday, April 19th at 6 pm at the church. If you (or your spouse) have achieved the age of 50 or more and would like to participate, please join us at the church. Bring along a covered dish and ideas for activities and events to be added to the *New Hopers* calendar.

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Addendum to April Newsletter from Linda Long (April 3 2013)

SERVICE & WITNESS COMMITTEE

Our team met on March 6th to discuss ongoing and future plans.

Thank you for your help in making the Lenten Fair / Easter Egg Hunt a success. Fun was had by all who attended.

We came to a consensus on the following:

1. Blanket collection for the Homeless – please drop off gently used blankets of all types in the box. Linda will be deliver them to “Open Door” of Hickory to be handed out to homeless individuals in the community.
2. Service opportunity at the Corner Table Soup Kitchen in Newton will take place on April 18. We will serve our infamous Sloppy Joe lunch. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare and serve this meal, please look on the bulletin board for the sign-up sheet. Time commitment is 9:30 to 12:30 and you’re sure to have a terrific time.
3. Bag lunches for the folks who rely on Corner Table for their meals are needed on May 9th. Church volunteers will make 120 lunches on Wed. May 8th at 6:30pm at the church. I will post a sign up sheet for folks to donate needed items for the bag lunches. The Prevattes will deliver the lunches to the Corner Table May 9th. (thankyou Pam & John)
4. Meals on Wheels continues with several of our church members. Currently New Hope is supporting 5 routes in the community each month. If you have a couple of hours one day per month or you would like to support current volunteers, please contact Linda Long. It’s a great outreach to those unable to care for themselves.

Our next S & W meeting will take place at 6:30pm on April 3rd.

Please pray about being a part of this great committee.

In Him, Linda Long